REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1

1870.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

March 1, 1870.

The receipts of the year have been as follows: —

Amount in Treasury, Feb. 13, 1869	$3 724 09
of William Johnson, Note	100 00
Money hired for use of town	4,800 00
Taxes received from banks	27 97
Interest received on J. Dickey's note	1 31
Cash received overpaid in 1868	3 05
Cash received from County Treasurer	499 27
Cash received from G.O. Reynold's list 1868	559 76
Cash received from G.O. Reynold's list 1869	10,913 54
Railroad tax from State Treasurer	624 15
Savings bank tax from State Treasurer	593 35
Literary Fund from State Treasurer	89 00
Rec'd of G. O, Reynolds, interest on taxes	40 00
	$21,975 49

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

March 1, 1870.

District No. 1	$237 98
2	261 18
3	65 22
4	110 60
4 school-house tax of 1869	9 23
5	62 99
6	71 47
7	135 26
8	142 94
9	88 73
10	26 20
11	80 84
12	64 19
12 balance due 1868	6 60
Hampstead 1869	6 71
Salem, 1869	4 26
Chester, 1869	3 38
	$1,377 78

SNOW PATHS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid John Gregg, 1867	$2 00
John H. George. 1869	5 00
John L. Cunningham, 1869	2 40
	$9 40

TRANSIENT POOR.

March 1, 1870.

Paid W. W Poor, wood to Thomas Flaherty	$2 25
Geo. F Adams, supplies to Thomas Flaherty	16 24
Henry E Eastman, supplies to Thomas Flaherty,	5 09
James H. Crombie, medical attendance on do	37 50
George Shute, wood to Anthony Ryan	6 00
Learnard & Taylor, supplies to Anthony Ryan	3 00
James C. Palmer. supplies to Anthony Ryan	6 00
D. O. Smith, medical attendance on Mary Ryan	3 50
James H. Crombie, medical attendance on A. Ryan.	18 00
D. S. Clark, medical attendance on Mary Ryan	25 00
Edmund Adams, wood to Peter Huse	2 37
Albert Emery, bills paid for nursing Abigall Ordway	14 50
Frank W. Parker. for supplies to Abigail Ordway	10 00
D. S. Clark, medical attendance on Abigail Ordway.	20 00
Benj. F. Gregg, Coffin for Abigail Ordway	7 00
James C. Taylor. wood to Mrs. Charles A Humphrey	5 00
Harriet Tuttle, board and clothing of Welch child	73 58
Jacob Sheldon, board of Nathan S. Sheldon	70 50
Geo. I. Choate, wood to George Alexander	32 44
Leonard S. Clark, wood to Misses Sargent	14 00
W. M. Durgin. service of notice on town of Strafford	8 40
Aid and transportation of transient poor	30 75
Transportation of county poor to county farm	10 00
	$421 12

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

March 1, 1870.

Paid John L. Cunningham, repairs on roads	$6 99
George Shute, lumber and labor on bridge near J. C. Taylors	17 75
Levi H. Taylor. repairs on bridge	5 69
Charles E. Rand, repairs on bridge near C. E. Rand's	5 71
Samuel Clark, labor on bridge	3 50
Robt. Taylor labor and lumber on bridge near J Herricks	2 00
Benj. F Wilson, plank for bridge	13 50
Baker and Dickey, plank for bridge near J. Taylor's	7 60
Baker and Dickey, plank for bridge near B. P. Rice	11 65

aid Geo. Shute, repairs on bridge near Windham depot	5 00
W. D White, labor and lumber on Fordway bridge	175 13
A. Boyd. award of selectmen for widening road 1865	30 00
W. C Humphreys, damage on highway, awarded by selectmen, 1865	8 75
John H. George, repairs on road	4 00
	$297 27

TOWN OFFICERS.

March 1. 1870.

Paid Rev. E. G. Parsons, services as school com'tte, 1867	$45 00
Geo Moore. 2d bal for services as selectman, 1868	11 70
Geo. I. Choate, bal. for services as selectman. 1868	20 50
Geo. Shute, bal. for services as selectman, 1868	6 00
W. W. Poor, services as auditor, 1868	2 00
Woodbury Storer, services as constable, 1869	5 00
Geo. W. Barker. town clerk, 1869	20 00
William Leach, treasurer, 1869	30 00
Gayton O. Reynolds, services as collector, 1868	50 00
G O Reynolds. part pay for services as col. 1869	100 00
Rev. L. S. Parker. services as school committee, 1869	15 00
George I. Choate, services as selectman and extra expenses, 1869	101 00
George Shute do	81 40
Nathaniel H. Brown do	92 00
	$579 60

GRAVE YARD.

March 1, 1870.

Paid James Taylor, services as sexton, care of hearse,&c	63 25
L. G. Goodwin, repair of grave yard tools	57
A. W. Sanborn & Co., winter hearse	150 00
	$213 82

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid on tax list of 1868	$28 38
On tax list of 1869	65 35
	$93 73

ALMS HOUSE,

March 1. 1870.

Paid Charles Choate, part of supt's salary, 1869	$200 00
Charles Choate bal, of do 1868	197 81
Amount drawn from Treasury by supt	50 00
	$447 81

ABATEMENTS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid Gayton O. Reynolds on list of 1868	$113 54
Gayton O. Reynolds on list of 1869	429 26
	$542 80

STATIONERY.

March 1, 1870.

Paid Gayton O. Reynolds, stamp for bond	$1 00
Geo. W. Barker, town officer	2 50
William Leach, note book	2 00
Geo I. Choate, stamp and stationery	3 50
William H. Fisk, town reports, stationery, &c	61 60
	$70 60

GUIDE-BOARDS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid I. G. Goodwin, bolts for guide-posts	$1 40
Geo. I. Choate, setting guide-posts	10 00
Couch & Underhill, lumber and sawing	15 45
David C. Palmer, making and setting guide-posts	82 37
	$109 22

MISCELLANEOUS.

March 1, 1870.

Paid G. Fogg, repair of parish hall lock	$ 75
F. W. Gregg, repair of parish hall	1 75
William Farrow, repair of parish hall	12 61
Ebenezer Cogswell, care parish hall, tolling bell &c	18 75
Leonard Clark, wood for parish hall	7 00
Expense to pay State Tax, Concord	1 80
H. R. Underhill, in full for new pound	30 00
J. Kelley, surveying line between Derry and Chester	4 45
D. S. Clark, certificates of births and deaths	4 25
G. C. Bartlett, time and expenses obtaining copies of deeds of town farm	4 75
Expenses for legal advice	15 00
W. W. Poor, notice to selectmen of Windham, taking affidavitts, &c	4 50
	$105 61

STATE TAX.

March 1, 1870.

Paid State tax $3.054 00

COUNTTY TAX.

March 1, 1870.

Paid county tax $1,816 04

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

March 1, 1870.

Paid Interest on funded debt bonds	$1,305 00
Mary Woodward, note and interest in full	841 92
Humphrey Choate, interest on note	33 54
Josephine A. Austin, note and interest in full	210 54
Jennette Humphrey, interest on note	19 36
John B. Taylor, note and interest in full	1,276 00
William B Shute, note and interest in full	1,870 92
Mary Jane Whidden, interest on note	10 30
First Parish, interest on note	32 80
S. H. Quincy, note and interest in full	2,702 00
Sylvanus Brown, two notes and interest in full	1,209 30
	$9,511 68

SUMMARY.

Schools	$1,377 78
Snow paths	9 40
Transient Poor	421 12
Roads and Bridges	297 27
Town officers	579 60
Grave yard	213 82
Non-resident highway tax receipts	93 73
Almshouse	447 81
Abatements	542 80
Books and Stationery	70 60
Guide-boards	109 22
Miscellaneous	105 61
State Tax	3,054 00
County Tax	1,816 04
Notes and Interest	9,511 86
	$18,650 48
Cash in treasury	3,325 01
	$21,975 49
Amount of receipts	21,975 49

GAYTON O. REYNOLDS, COLLECTOR.

March 1, 1870.

Dr.

To bal. uncollected taxes, list of 1867 Feb. 1869	$396 80	
Bal. uncollected taxes, list of 1868 Feb. 1869	559 76	
Amount of tax list 1869	11,887 94	
		$12,844 50

Cr.

By bal. uncollected taxes, list of 1867	$396 80	
Amount paid town treasurer, list of 1868	559 76	
Paid State tax, 1869	3,054 00	
County tax, 1869	1,816 04	
Town treasurer, 1869	6,043 50	
Balance uncollected taxes, list of 1869	974 40	
		$12,844 50

BALANCE SHEET.

March 1, 1810. Town of Derry Dr.

To Amount of Funded Debt	$24,450 00	
Notes Payable	8,292 22	
Interest on notes to March 1, 1870	803 93	
Amount due school dist. No. 4 S. H. tax.	40 77	
		$33,586 92

Cr.

By amount of uncollected taxes, list of 1867	$396 80	
Amount of uncollected taxes, list of 1869	974 40	
Amount of cash in treasury	3,325 01	
Balance being amount of town debt	28,890 71	
		$33,586 92

GEO. I. CHOATE,
GEORGE SHUTE,
N. H. BROWN,
Selectmen of Derry.

Derry, February 23, 1870

This certifies I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts as presented by the selectmen, and find the same correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

GEO. W. DICKEY, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

SCHEDULE OF NOTES PAYABLE.

April 25, 1866,	Susan M. Johnson,	$100 00,	Int. p'd to Ap'l, 1868.
Jan. 1, 1867,	Ithamer Hubbard,	300 00,	No endorsement.
Feb. 1, 1865,	John Patten,	200 00,	" "
Feb. 3, 1865,	Joseph Leach,	100 00,	" "
Feb. 20, 1869,	Hiram Sargent,	1.175 28,	" "
Jan. 15, 1870,	1st Parish in Derry,	3,400 00,	" "
Jan. 1, 1869.	Gerge Warner,	146 33,	" "
Sept. 24, 1868,	Lilly Cochrane,	74 44,	" "
Dec. 12, 1866,	Jerusha Kelley,	387 00,	" "
Nov. 15, 1869,	Robert T. Chase,	419 17,	" "
May 6, 1867,	Humphrey Choate,	200 00,	Int. p'd to Feb. 1870.
Sept. 1, 1865,	James A. Dix,	390 00,	No endorsement.
Aug. 1, 1864,	Alexis Proctor,	400 00,	" "
Aug. 14, 1866,	Marshall Merriam,	500 00,	" "
Sept. 21, 1866,	Richard Melvin,	500 00,	Int. p'd to Sept. 1868.
		$8,292 22	
Interest on above, to Mar. 1, 1870		803 93	
Funded debt		24,450 00	
		$33,546 15	

WILLIAM LEACH, Treasurer, in account with town of Derry:

March 1, 1870. DR.

To cash received of G. W. Barker, Mar.,'69,..	$3,560 34	
note of John Dickey, rec'd of G. W. Barker	163 75	
interest on above note.....	1 31	
cash received from taxes of banks.....	27 97	
Johnson note received of Selectmen.....	100 00	
cash received of Selectmen..... ...	6,608 82	
cash rec'd of G. O. Reynolds, list of 1868...	559 76	
" " " 1869...	6,043 50	
interest on taxes....	40 00	
		$17,105 45

CR.

By paid orders of Selectmen...	$13,780 44	
cash on hand.....	3,335 01	
		$17,105 45

WILLIAM LEACH,
Treasurer of Town of Derry.

I have this day examined the foregoing report of the Town Treasurer, and find the accounts correctly cast and proper vouchers for all disbursements.

Derry, March, 1, 1870. GEO. W. DICKEY, Auditor.

Invoice of Stock and Produce at Almshouse, Feb. 16, 1870.

1 horse,	$50 00	Butter, 10.80; pickles, 2,	12 80
2 oxen,	230 00	Apples, 3; Candles, 1.20,	4 20
9 cows,	500 00	Vinegar, 25; cider, 25,	50 00
3 hogs,	90 00	Soap, 13; pork, 36,	49 00
2 sheep,	10 00	Ham, 12.80; beef, 5,	17 80
10 fowls,	5 00	Lard, 12; flour, 7,	19 00
26 tons hay,	572 00	Molasses, 1.40; sugar, 1,	2 40
1 ton oat straw,	8 00	Tea, ,50; coffee, ,50,	1 00
1 ton shorts,	12 00	Wool, 2; eggs, ,90,	2 90
Oats, 24.50; buckweat, 4,	28 50	Lumber,	5 00
Corn, 75; fire wood, 75,	150 00		
Beans, 15; Potatoes, 50,	65 00		$1.899 60
Vegetables,	15 00		

ALMS HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN. DR.

February 16, 1870.

To invoice of stock and produce, 1869.....	$1,896 45	
amount due from H. P. Hood.....	133 14	
" " County.....	16 00	
amount of Superintendent's salary.....	300 00	
amount of bills paid by Superintendent....	690 55	
		$3,036 14

Cr.

By invoice of stock and produce, 1870	$1,899 60	
cash received from products sold	635 09	
" " County	213 39	
amount due from E. G. Shute	7 00	
" " H. P. Hood	173 01	
value of improvements	100 00	
Balance against Alms House	8 05	
		$3,036 14

We hereby submit our report of the financial affairs of the town for the past year.

At the closing of the accounts last year, the amount of town debt was $31,203.41 and at this date $28,890.71 making during the past year a reduction of the debt to amount of 2,312.70.

In addition to the above there has been paid as unusual expenses $434.35 for Guide-boards, Winter Hearse and repairs of Fordway bridge.

The Abatement of taxes, has been increased to amount of $292.96, being the taxes on town bonds.

The Selectmen are compelled by law to tax the bonds, but by the obligation of the bonds, are required to pay five per cent interest over and above all taxes on the same.

The balance of uncollected taxes on list of 1867 is the amount of taxes assessed upon stock in the Derry National Bank, the payment of which has thus far been refused.

The Improvements at Almshouse consist of new tools purchased, as also stock for painting outside of house and ond out-buildings, and of wall built.

GEO. I. CHOATE,
GEORGE SHUTE,
NATHANIEL H. BROWN,
Selectmen of Derry.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term, 16 weeks, taught by Miss Lucy J. Priest. This school was a failure. Miss Priest who is an efficient teacher and who had succeeded well with former schools, was unable to overcome the spirit of insubordination that reigned supreme in this one. This lack of success can in no way be attributed to the teacher who labored faithfully and earnestly for the good of the school. Winter Term of 10 weeks, was taught by Mr. Ellis J. Underhill. This was Mr. Underhill's first school and he brought freshness and an energy, the effect of which soon showed themselves in an entire change in the appearance of the school. The pupils soon fell into industrious and orderly habits, and did themselves and their teacher credit through the entire term. There were no cases of corporal punishment.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The school in this district is divided into three terms. The first term was conducted by Miss Josephine W. Bradford, who kept nine weeks. The school during this term was visited by Rev. L. S. Parker, who reported a good school. The second term (summer) and winter term were taught by Miss Elvira Page, who taught the winter term in this district last year. Miss Page succeeded admirably both in teaching and discipline, and completely won the respect of her pupils. Great progress was made in all the classes during the winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Sarah E. Clark taught both during the summer and fall terms, in all, eighteen weeks. The summer term was visited by Rev. Mr. Parker and was reported by him as successful. Good progress was made in study by the pupils during the fall term.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Louisa B. Adams, teacher during both the summer and winter terms. Summer term was visited by Rev. Mr. Parker, who reported "the school promises very well." Miss Adams worked with energy and faithfulness, and during the second term, perfect order. Fair progress was made in the various branches of study.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Luella E. Campbell teacher for both the summer and fall terms, in all sixteen weeks. This was Miss Campbell's first attempt at teaching, she secured good order and awakened a fair degree of interest in study.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Lizzie K. Hall teacher for both the summer and fall terms. The summer term was visited by Rev. Mr. Parker who reported favorably. The fall term was characterized by thoroughness and a rigid drill in the studies. The closing examination was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Alice A. Harmon, teacher, during the Summer Term of nine weeks. The school was visited at the beginning of the term by Rev. Mr. Parker. Miss Harmon gave good satisfaction in the district, and the school appeared well at the close of the term.

The Winter Term of school was taught by Mr. Jos. W. Bean. The length of the school this term was eleven weeks. Mr. Bean early in the term succeeded in securing good order in the school without rod or ferule. Studious habits were formed, ideas awakened, and the closing examination witnessed to a very satisfactory advancement.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Ida J. Mullins teacher during the Summer Term of eleven weeks. The closing examination of the school this term showed on the part of Miss Mullins a rare capacity for teaching, and tact in governing. The school, though small in numbers, was a very profitable one.

The Winter Term of seven weeks was kept by Mr. Thomas Savage. The school during the winter was nearly twice as large

as it was in the summer. There were many "big little boys" woo had in former times trampled upon the authority of their teachers, and thus tarnished the one fair fame of "District No. 8." But these juveniles found their match in their energetic "master," and were found to yield to the "powers that be;" and out of chaos came at last order that reigned supreme. This was Mr. Savage's first attempt at school teaching, and he fully proved himself "master of the situation."

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Miss Fannie M. Webster was the teacher during both the Summer and Fall Terms.—in both ten weeks. This was in all respects a model school, doing credit to both teacher and pupils. Miss Webster's reputation as a teacher is too well established in this town to render further comment necessary.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Miss Ellen L. Kimball, teacher. The school in this district was comprised in one term of eleven weeks. Rev. Mr. Parker visited the school at the beginning of the school. This school is rather backward, but made a commendable degree of progress during this term.

DISTRICT NO 12.

Miss Mary D. Webster taught this school during the Summer and Fall terms— in all fifteen weeks. This was Miss Webster's first experience in teaching, and she succeeded in securing the good will of her scholars. The closing examination bore witness to her faithfulness as a teacher. She has not mistaken her calling.

In concluding this report it may be befitting to state that the text books that have been in use for a number of years in the schools of this town ought to be exchanged for the more modern ones. This necessity is felt more particularly in regard to the reading books, the spelling books, the geographies and the grammars. A partial exchange has been effected through the adoption of Hillard's series of Readers, Worcester's Comprehensive Spelling Book and Guyot's Series of Geographies. These were put into such of the schools as were keeping in the fall and winter terms. It is expected that the proposed exchange will be completed throughout the schools in town early in the next summer term.

A few suggestions concerning the two frequent change of teachers prevalent in this town may not be out of place. I is hardly possible to estimate the harm done to the pupils by this in-

judicious practice. Provided the teachers are of equal merit, no two can instruct in precisely the same manner and when a new teacher enters a school the term is generally far spent before he can get the pupils into habits of study and recitation conformable to his ideas. By these frequent changes the scholar is embarrassed and perplexed, and thus term after term passes on without his really adopting any permanent plan of study. The remedy for this evil must at once suggest itself to every one. Let the best teachers be procured and retained even at the sacrifice of a few extra dollars. With the accompanying Statistical Table this report is respectfully submitted.

D. S. CLARK.
School Committee.

STATISTICS.

No. District.	Summer and Winter.	Names of the teachers	Wages per month.	No. weeks of school.	Whole No. of scholars	Attendance per cent.	Amount of school Money expended.	Prudential Committee
1	Summer	Lucy J. Priest.	$26 00	16	46	85	$237 90	Robt Rogers.
	Winter	Ellis J. Underhill.	35 00	10	57	77		
2	Summer	Miss J. W. Bradford	28 00	9	50	86	261 18	L. Brickett.
		Elvira Page.	32 00	7	50	92		
	Winter	Elvira Page.	40 00	10	60	80		
3	Summer	Sarah E. Clark.	20 00	8	21	76	65 22	J. R. Clark.
	Fall	Sarah E. Clark.	20 00	10½	14	86		
4	Summer	Louisa B. Adams.	23 00	9	33	85	110 60	Geo. Shute.
	Winter	Louisa B. Adams.	27 00	8½	37	89		
5	Summer	Luella E. Campbell	18 00	6½	26	84	62 99	John Palmer
	Fall	Luella E. Campbell	20 00	10	31	80		
6	Summer	Lizzie K. Hall.	20 00	6	23	81	71 47	G. Moors, d
	Fall	Lizzie K. Hall.	20 00	6	22	83		
7	Summer	Alice A. Harmon.	20 00	9	33	78	135 26	D. M. Emery
	Winter	Joseph W. Bean.	35 00	11	27	79		
8	Summer	Ida J. Mullins.	26 00	8	18	90	142 97	G. H. Adams
	Winter	Thomas Savage.	40 00	7	32	87		
9	Summer	Fannie M. Webster.	22 00	8	18	85	88 73	J.E. Webster
	Fall	Fannie M. Webster.	22 00	8	20	85		
*10							26 20	
11	Summer	Ellen L. Kimball.	26 00	11	25	72	83 26	T. R. Robie.
12	Summer	Mary D. Webster.	17 00	9	9	76	66 61	W. Leland.
	Fall	Mary D. Webster.	17 00	6	7	90		

* Classes with Londonderry.